

not the recommended annual payment to the Pension Board of 11% of the worker's salary basis will provide an adequate retirement income above the supplemental level, especially for lay workers receiving low salaries.

12. OVERTURE: IMMIGRATION AND THE UNDOCUMENTED WORKER

The Moderator recognized the Rev. Samuel W. Fogal (CT), Co-Chairperson of Section B, for a continuation of the Section report. Mr. Fogal referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section II, pages 137-140, Section III, page 20, and moved the adoption of the resolution on Immigration and the Undocumented Worker. Mr. Fogal called on Mr. Llewellyn Jones (IL) to speak to the Overture. Mr. Jones said that this Overture deals with an issue that is far removed from most of us involving the exploitation of a large group of workers. The Overture gives us the opportunity of being involved in finding a solution to a very difficult problem.

The Rev. Arthur A. Ludwig (CA-SY) was recognized and moved to amend the Overture by deleting the words in paragraph A3 and substituting the words "encourage and request all fifty states and their departments of public welfare to render social services to undocumented immigrants." It was agreed to make this change in the Overture. There was discussion, and it was

79-GS-70 VOTED: The Twelfth General Synod adopts the Overture on Immigration and the Undocumented Worker as amended:

Overture: Immigration and the Undocumented Worker

The Twelfth General Synod of the United Church of Christ supports the following:

During the ensuing biennium, comprehensive policy and program should be developed for the work of the United Church of Christ on the issues of immigration and the plight of the undocumented worker. Implementation may be related to the Office for Church In Society project on "The Rights of New Immigrants," co-ordinated with other instrumentalities. In addition, an advisory or consultative body should be gathered inviting representation from new immigrant groups to participate in planning and program.

Recognizing that a national consultative group, as described above, will recommend future policy positions, the following principles upon which further policy may be developed are as follows:

- A. National immigration legislation should:
 - 1. create a more equitable and realistic basis for the establishment of immigration quotas (e.g., for Mexico from 20,000/year to 50,000/year)
 - 2. restore former immigration law by which United States born children retained the right of documentation for their parents assuring the unity of family
 - 3. encourage and request all fifty States and their departments of public welfare to render social services to undocumented immigrants
 - 4. refrain from imposing sanctions and/or fines on employers for hiring the undocumented worker.
- B. The efforts of Commissioner, Leonel Castillo, to make the Immigration Naturalization Service more humane

and responsive to the human rights of immigrants, should be supported.

- C. U.S. relations with the countries of immigrant origin are intrinsic to any resolution (e.g. Mexico), and those relations and conditions which create immigration problems should be examined. Close collaboration with our United Church Board for World Ministries would be advisable.
- D. Basic human rights must, at all times, be the principal and underlying basis leading to any legislative or administrative solution to the issues of immigration.

Resource and educational materials should be circulated throughout the denomination on the history of immigration in this country, some background on several of the principal immigrant groups of the current era, and public policy matters surrounding this issue. At the same time, instrumentalities, conferences, associations, and congregations are invited to study this issue and to share resources to implement this effort. Coordination should be designated by the Executive Council to the appropriate instrumentality of the church.

13. OVERTURE IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT GRANTING FULL VOTING REPRESENTATION FOR WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Fogal referred the delegates to Advance Materials, Section IV, page 14, and moved the adoption of the revised Overture in Support of the Constitutional Amendment Granting Full Voting Representation for Washington, D.C. Mr. Fogal called on the Rev. Richard W. Beebe, (ME) to speak to the Overture. Mr. Beebe said that the Overture speaks to an injustice which exists in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., in a nation that prides itself on justice. This is an opportunity for the General Synod to speak on another justice issue. There was discussion, and it was

79-GS-71 VOTED: The Twelfth General Synod adopts the Overture In Support of the Constitutional Amendment Granting Full Voting Representation for Washington, D.C.:

Overture: In Support of the Constitutional Amendment Granting Full Voting Representation for Washington, D.C.

PURPOSE:
To ask the Twelfth General Synod of the United Church of Christ to support the proposed Constitutional amendment approved by U.S. Congress in 1978 and sent to the states for ratification granting the District of Columbia full voting representation, and

To ask the Twelfth General Synod to urge Conferences, Associations, local churches and members of the United Church of Christ to actively support the ratification efforts in their respective states.

EVIDENCE/RATIONALE:

Because the nearly 700,000 Americans who live in the District of Columbia (a population larger than eight states of the Union) already carry responsibilities of citizenship (237 D.C. residents lost their lives in Vietnam), we firmly believe they should have the same privileges enjoyed by all other Americans.

The lack of full voting representation means that presently District of Columbia residents have no vote and limited voice in the legislation which affects not only taxation and